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may be permitted at ordinary entertainments excluding the host is raised from 24 to 50 (twenty-four to fifty) and that on occasions of marriages or funerals from 50 (fifty) to 100 (hundred). These limits apply only to entertainments wherein meals prepared out of cereals are served; but, where exclusively non-cereal meals are served, there will be no limit to the number of guests.

(P. N. No. 160—5-12-1952).

Press Note.

Working of the Employment Exchange, Bangalore, During November 1952.

The Employment Exchange, No. 3, Lady Curzon Road, Civil Station, Bangalore, registered 1,392 persons during the month of November 1952, of whom 191 were ex-service personnel, 43 women and 1,158 others. The number of vacancies reported from the Central Government Departments and State Government Departments was 85 and from Private Employers 9, thus bringing the total to 94.

Three hundred and forty persons (51 ex-service personnel and 289 others) were referred to Employers against the reported vacancies.

Seventy-seven persons were placed in employment during the month as against 50 in the previous month. Of those placed, 12 were ex-service personnel and 58 others and 7 women applicants.

The registrations of 105 ex-service personnel and 1,125 Civilians lapsed during the month. Six hundred and sixty-eight ex-service personnel and 4,623 Civilians were on the Live Register of the Exchange at the end of the month for employment assistance. From the inception of the Organisation up to the end of November 1952, 72, 629 persons were registered, 25,316 were submitted against reported vacancies and 5,246 were placed in employment.

(P. N. No. 161—11-12-1952).

Press Note.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1952.

I. Administration of Special Acts.

(a) *The Mysore Weights and Measures Act.*—Out of the 4,522 units of weights and measures presented for testing during the month under report, 4,260 units of weights and measures were certified for their correctness. A sum of Rs. 607–4–0 was collected as testing fee.

In addition to 23 pending cases 18 new cases were launched, of which 15 cases ended in conviction, and the remaining 26 cases are pending. A sum of Rs. 178 was realised as fines.

(b) *The Mysore Agricultural Produce Markets Act.*—The Regulated Markets at Mysore, Tiptur, Davangere, Chitaldrug, Shimoga, Tumkur and Arsikere, were found to be working satisfactorily. A sum of Rs. 1,701–0–9, Rs 971–8–6, Rs. 3,760–9–0, Rs. 580–7–0, Rs. 513–12–0, Rs. 928–0–0 and Rs. 1,191–9–6, was collected as market cess, license fee, etc., for the various commodities sold by them, respectively.

(c) *The Mysore Agricultural Produce Grading and Marking Act.*—The total number of eggs graded by the various Egg Grading Centres in the State was 52,340 valued at Rs. 6,623–8–0. A sum of Rs. 81–3–0 was collected as grading fee.

II. Co-operative Marketing.

The Milk sold by some of the Milk Marketing Co-operative Societies in the State are as follows :—

1	The Mysore Co-operative Milk Supply Union Ltd., Bangalore	42,000 lbs.
2	The District Milk Co-operative Society, Kolar ...	670 Seers.
3	The District Milk Co-operative Society, Chikmagalur	846 ,,
4	The District Milk Co-operative Society, Mandya ...	196 ,,
5	The Milk Supply Co-operative Society, Mysore ...	5,900 lbs.

(P.N. No. 162—12-12-1952).

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Press Note.

Food offences during the fortnight ended 15th November 1952.

I. Bangalore City Corporation.

Seven persons were convicted and sentenced to pay fines ranging from Rs. 3 to Rs. 20, and three of them were further sentenced to suffer simple imprisonment till the rising of the Court for unauthorised transport of rationed foodgrains.

Three licensees of IV Division and one of VII Division of the City were administered warnings for irregularities such as excess issues, wrong totalling, etc.

For incurring certain inadmissible shortages in rationed foodgrains, a licensee of I Division, Civil Area, was fined Rs. 200 besides penal levy. The licensee was further fined Rs. 25 for issuing a cheque without having sufficient funds at his credit in the Bank.

The license of a licensee of IV Division of the City was cancelled besides penal levy, for having allowed his shop go dry very often and for incurring certain inadmissible shortages.

The license of a Co-operative Society was cancelled for allowing Ration Section go dry very often in spite of several warnings.

II. Mysore City.

A Depot owner was severely warned for irregularities in the accounts.

A Depot owner was fined Rs. 10 for having issued a cheque towards the cost of foodgrains supplied to him, without sufficient money at his credit in the Bank.

(P. N. No. 163—13-12-1952).

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Press Note

ASSISTANCE FROM THE CENTRAL SILK BOARD, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SILK.

The Central Silk Board, a Statutory Body, set up by the Government of India for improvement of the Indian Sericultural Industry, considered several subjects which came up before them during the first session at Bombay on 25th November 1952. Many schemes that were proposed by the Provincial Governments were scrutinised in detail. The Government of Mysore have been given the following grants :—

(1) Rs. 25,400 for the Graft Nursery Scheme during 1951-52 and Rs. 10,000 during 1952-53.
(2) Rs. 40,500 for the Silk Worm Nutrition Scheme during 1951-52 and Rs. 12,000 during 1952-53.
(3) Rs. 25,000 for starting Voluntary Cocoon Markets during 1950-51.
(4) Rs. 6,700 for starting a Statistical Section during 1952-53.
(5) Rs. 3,000 for the import of Japanese mulberry saplings during 1952-53.
(6) Rs. 46,000 for establishment of Sericultural Research Institute.
(7) Rs. 6,750 for deputation of Officers to Japan for study of Sericulture Industry and Research during 1952-53.

In the cost of production of cocoons, cost of mulberry leaves forms nearly 75 per cent of the cost. In Mysore, rainfed gardens yield about 4,000 lbs. of leaves and irrigated gardens about 10,000 lbs. of leaves per acre per annum. Experiments conducted in Mysore for over 15 years have yielded valuable results. It was found that graft using Mysore variety as stock and Japanese variety called "Kæryo Nezumi Gæshi" as 'Scion' yielded as much as 30 to 40 per cent more than the pure Mysore variety, which is not popular in Mysore. These experimental results were put on a field scale with the assistance of grants sanctioned by the Central Silk Board, *viz.*, Rs. 25,400 during 1951-52 and Rs. 10,000 during 1952-53. About 40,000 grafts have been prepared in the Nurseries under the Kanva Reservoir in Bangalore District. About 20,000 grafts have already been distributed.

Valuable experiments have been conducted in the Indian Institute of Science, Bio-Chemistry Department, on the protein requirements of the silk worm. The Central Silk Board granted a sum of Rs. 40,500 since the inception of the scheme in 1950-51. An additional sum of Rs. 12,000 has been sanctioned for 1952-53.

With a view to popularise fair trading in cocoons and to restrict the same in relation to silk prices, it was proposed to start 3 Cocoon Markets in Mysore State. The Central Silk Board gave a grant of Rs. 25,000 for the scheme. One cocoon market has been working in Ramanagaram, Bangalore District. Extension of such markets is contemplated when the scheme is found to be successful.

The compilation of useful statistics is being done by the Sericulture Department all along. It is now proposed to consolidate and give a scientific interpretation to the data thus collected by starting a Statistical Section attached to the Office of the Director of Sericulture. The Central Silk Board have sanctioned a lumpsum grant of Rs. 6,700.

The Central Silk Board imported mulberry saplings of the variety called 'Kæryo Nezumi Gæsh' in 1949-50 and 1950-51 from Japan. The percentage of saplings received in good condition on both occasions was about 10 per cent of the imported saplings. This variety does not lend itself to propagation by cuttings. Experiments conducted in Chennapatna and Mysore have indicated that layering or inarching is a successful method for propagation of this foreign variety in India. The time required for inarching is more than 18 months and propagation cannot be done quickly enough for the increasing demand for grafts. The Central Silk Board has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3,000 for import of this new variety.

Government sanctioned the starting of Sericultural and Botanical Sections of the proposed Mysore Sericultural Research Institute at a cost of Rs. 4 lakhs, subject to the receipt of half the grant from the Central Silk Board, Government of India. Although the Board was at first unable to set apart the funds for this purpose, Government started the Sericultural Section as a beginning. The Central Silk Board have now allotted Rs. 46,000 for starting Sericultural and Botanical Sections of the Institute.

The Central Silk Board has allotted a grant for the deputation of four officers for study in advanced countries of which Mysore gets its quota of one Officer, subject to moiety of the expenditure being met by the Government of Mysore.

The Home Minister of the Government of Mysore attended the Standing Committee Meeting of the Central Silk Board. The Director of Sericulture attended the Technical Development Committee Meeting.

(P.N. No. 164—13-12-1952).

B. N. SRI SATHYAN,
6856 *Principal Information Officer.*

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

BANGALORE FOREST DIVISION.

Sale Notification dated 8th December 1952.

Re : Sale of 275 Hunse trees standing on the disafforested area of Kadugudi Plantation.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove the above quantity of 275 Hunse trees yielding firewood including the present fruit crop will be sold by public auction, by the District Forest Officer, Bangalore, or by any other officer deputed by him on 9th January 1953, at 2 P.M. in the District Forest Office, Bangalore District, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore 3. The sale is subject to the confirmation by the District Forest Officer, or the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, as the case may be.

The sale will be held on lot basis and the bidder shall offer his bid for the entire quantity of the trees available in the Plantation under reserve and marked.

Each bidder shall before he is permitted to bid produce a solvency certificate, in the prescribed form with an earnest deposit of Rs. 200 with the sale conducting officer before the sale is commenced.

Immediately after the sale is closed the highest bidder should pay the full sale amount with usual cesses at Re. 0-2-9 in the rupee and Sales-tax at 0-0-3 pies per rupee.

For further conditions and other particulars, please apply to the District Forest Officer, Bangalore District, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore 3.

J. P. MASCARENHAS,
6724 *District Forest Officer.*

MYSORE FOREST DIVISION.

Notification dated 22nd November 1952.

It is notified for the information of the general public that one baby elephant of the following description will be sold at the Palace Gajasala, Mysore, on Monday the 29th December 1952 at 3 P.M. under the following conditions:—

Description of the baby elephant.

1	Sex	...	...	Male.
2	Date of birth	...	...	3rd June 1951.
3	Height	...	...	4'—3" (at shoulder)
4	Nails	...	...	18.
5	Tail	...	...	Good
6	General feature	...	...	Good

Conditions of the Sale.

1 The sale will be conducted by the District Forest Officer, Mysore Division, Mysore, or by any other Forest Officer deputed by him for the purpose.

2 The sale conducting officer reserves to himself the right of accepting or rejecting any bid without assigning the reasons therefor.

3 Intending bidders should deposit a sum of Rs. 500 (five hundred) with the sale conducting officer before they are permitted to bid. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the close of the sale.

4 The full sale amount together with the sales-tax thereon should be paid immediately after the conclusion of the sale. As otherwise, the earnest money deposited will be forfeited and the animal resold at the risk of the original purchaser who has however no claim over the excess amount of sale and difference, if any, will be recovered from him as arrears of Land Revenue.

5 The sale confirming officer is the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore whose orders are final.

6 The highest bidder will ordinarily be the purchaser.

7 The purchaser should make his own arrangements to remove the animal from the Gajasala within three days from the date of receipt of confirmation orders, as otherwise the department will not be responsible for feed and keep of the animal sold after that date.

8 No risk attaches to the department on account of any damage, etc., to the animal when once the bid is accepted and purchase money is paid.

9 For other particulars, please apply to the District Forest Officer, Mysore, in person or by post by enclosing necessary postal stamps for reply on any working day during office hours.

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Abstract Notification dated 5th December 1952.

It is hereby notified for the information of the public that the undermentioned standing Casuarina trees in Mandya Taluk, Mandya District, will be sold in public auction on the dates as noted below by the District Forest Officer, Mysore Division, Mysore, or by any other officer deputed by him :—

Range	Date of sale	Time and place of sale	Name of Plantation and Blocks	Girth Class 8"—11" Nos.	Girth Class 12"—23" Nos.	Girth Class 24" and above Nos.	Total Nos.
Mandya Range ...	9th January 1953 at 3 P.M.	Range Forest Office, Mandya.	1. Induval Plantation—Block V	60	115	3	178
			2. Induval Plantation Block XII 1 2 ...	16 / 149	218 / 411	16 / 32	250 / 592
			3. Block X	236	301	13	550
			Total ...	461	1,045	64	1,570
			4. Nallahalli Plantation—Block I	30	310	24	364
			Block II	29	326	34	389
			Block III	...	254	6	260
			Total ...	59	890	64	1,013
			Grand Total ...	520	1,935	128	2,583